Proposed response template on written submissions prior to INC-3 (part b)

Potential Areas Identified by the Contact Groups

At its second session, the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) requested the secretariat to invite written submissions on:

- Any potential areas for intersessional work compiled by the co-facilitators of the two contact groups\(^1\), to inform the work of INC-3.

The template below was prepared by the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, and is meant as a guide to assist Members and Observers in preparing their written submissions.

All written submissions must be sent to unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org. The submissions received will be made available on the INC webpage.

Please note that not all fields in the template need to be answered in the submission.

**Deadline for submissions:**

I. **By 15 August 2023** for written submissions from observer organizations.

II. **By 15 September 2023** for written submissions from Members of the Committee.

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\(^1\) Contact Group 1 focused on Section A: Objective(s). Section B: Substantive Obligations; Contact Group 2 focused on Sections C: Means of Implementation. D: Implementation measures. E: Additional matters as contained in part II of the Annex to document UNEP/PP/INC.2/4.
**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS**

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| Date of submission | 2023-07-31 |

**Input on the potential areas of intersessional work to inform the work of INC-3 (following the lists compiled by the co-facilitators of the two contact groups)**

**Potential areas for intersessional work**

The list of potential areas for possible intersessional work compiled by the co-facilitators of the two contact groups at INC-2 is set out below. Members and observers may wish to provide input on one or more of these areas.

**Contact group 1:**

1. Information on definitions of, e.g. plastics, microplastics, circularity
2. Information on criteria, also considering different applications and sectoral requirements, including:
   a. Chemical substances of concern in plastics,
   b. Problematic and avoidable plastic polymers and products and related applications
   c. Design e.g. for circularity, reuse
   d. Substitutes and alternatives to plastic polymers and products
3. Potential substances of concern in plastics, problematic and avoidable plastic polymers and products
4. Potential sources of release of microplastics (applications and sectors).

*(Please note: A longer list is included in the co-facilitators report on discussions in contact group 1 ². Submissions may also include input on any of the items in that longer list, such as, amongst others, the development of criteria to prioritise problematic and avoidable plastics; the development of targets for the reduction, reuse and repair of problematic and avoidable plastic products; or the guidelines on EPR)*

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² The report can be accessed here: [https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/42621/CG1.pdf](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/42621/CG1.pdf)
Contact Group 2:

1. To consider the potential role, responsibilities and composition of a science and technical body [to support negotiation and/or implementation of the agreement]

2. To consider potential scope of and guidance for National Action Plans [including optional and/or suggested elements]

3. To identify current provisions within existing MEAs [and other instruments] on cooperation and coordination that could be considered

4. To consider how other MEAs provide for monitoring, and suggest best practice

5. To consider options to define ‘technology transfer on mutually agreed terms

6. To further consider how a potential financing mechanism could work [including a new standalone mechanism, a hybrid mechanism, or an existing mechanism]

7. To identify options to mobilise and align private and innovative finance (including in relation to matters at 24(e) and the proposed Global Plastic Pollution Fee (GPPF))

8. To map current funding and finance available [to address plastic pollution] and determine the need for financial support for each Member

9. To identify capacity building and training needs for each Member.

The below input relates to the CG1, namely 3. Potential substances of concern in plastics, problematic and avoidable plastic polymers and products and 2. Information on criteria, also considering different applications and sectoral requirements, specifically on c. Design e.g. for circularity, reuse

- Potential substances of concern in plastics, problematic and avoidable plastic polymers and products:
  • In order to evaluate the mechanism to regulate chemicals under the treaty, during the intersessional process a mapping of how the chemicals found in plastics are regulated in countries and regions should be compiled with the aim of compiling an initial list of chemicals, and groups of chemicals to form of an initial list to be controlled under the treaty. This should include also experiences in control measures including bans, restrictions, eco-design criteria, transparency and traceability measures

- Design e.g. for circularity, reuse:
  • UNEA resolution 5/15 call for the future international binding instrument on plastic pollution to “To promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics through, among other things, product design and environmentally sound waste management, including through resource efficiency and circular economy approaches”. Member states can work intersessionally to identify design criteria that facilitate an efficient use of resources, minimize waste generation by increasing the life span of plastic materials and identify criteria to ensure the implementation of toxic free circular economy approaches to ensure that plastics are free from toxic chemicals and less prone to lead to the generation and release of microplastics